Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies

In order to provide students with the skills needed in a globalized world that increasingly pivots on Asia, Montana State University offers an interdisciplinary Asian studies major. Students choose a language to study, and have latitude to take content courses that focus on a given region within Asia, or to spread their coursework over the continent.

Core Asian Studies Requirements. Take three of the following (9-12 credits).

- ANTY 242D Contemporary Japan
- CHIN 130D Historical and Literary Journey into Modern China
- CHIN 211D Chinese Culture & Civilization
- HSTR 135D The Modern Middle East
- HSTR 140D Modern Asia
- HSTR 145D Reinventing Japan
- HSTR 146IH History and Culture of the Silk Road
- JPNS 150D Japanese Culture & Civ
- PHL 270D Philosophies of Asia
- RLST 203D Buddhist Traditions

Asian Language Requirement (12 credits). Take any 101-202D sequence. All courses must be taken in the same language.

- CHIN 101 Elementary Chinese I
- CHIN 102D Elementary Chinese II
- CHIN 201D Intermediate Chinese I
- CHIN 202D Intermediate Chinese II
- JPNS 101 Elementary Japanese I
- JPNS 102D Elementary Japanese II
- JPNS 201D Intermediate Japanese I
- JPNS 202D Intermediate Japanese II

Upper-Division Electives. Take six of the following (18 credits).

- ANTY 337 Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Japan
- ANTY 343 Popular Culture - Japan
- ANTY 441 Social Movements in Japan
- ARTH 360 History of Asian Art and Architecture
- CHIN 320IH History of Chinese Cinema
- AS 403D Monsoon Asian Civilization
- CHIN 492 Independent Study
- HSTR 340 Age of the Shoguns
- HSTR 342 Japan’s Meiji Revolution
- HSTR 345 Modern China
- HSTR 346 Modern India
- HSTR 359 Russia to 1917
- HSTR 366 Middle East/20th Century
- HSTR 375 Eurasian Borderlands
- HSTR 407 Soviet Union: Rise & Fall
- HSTR 443 Gender in Asia
- HSTR 445 Environ, Health & Sci in Japan
- HSTR 448 Tradition and Reform in China
- JPNS 305 Japanese Adv Conversations
- JPNS 320 Classical Japanese Literature
- JPNS 321 Modern Japanese Literature
- JPNS 325IH Outcast Literature

Research Experience. Take one of the following (3 credits).

- ANTY 490R Undergraduate Research and Instruction
- AS 490R Undergraduate Research
- HSTR 490R Undergraduate Research
- HSTR 499R Sen Capstone: Hist Methodology
- JPNS 490R Undergraduate Research
other courses approved by a faculty advisor

University core and electives 72-75

Total credits 120

Course Substitutions: Other appropriate courses, including those taken abroad, may be substituted with the approval of an Asian Studies Advisor.

Study Abroad: Montana State maintains active exchange programs with overseas universities, including ones throughout Asia. Students may spend an entire academic year abroad while paying Montana State tuition. Contact the Office of International Programs for more information.

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 120 credits is required for graduation; 42 of these credits must be upper-division.